

Republican Debate

The same flat, stale, and unprofitable
(but to the golden vile) ideas. Repeating
them here would weary a saint.

At any rate, Each wrought
“debater” anxiously burns

to shoot forth a brand,
however zany, but

their numbers militate against such.
Any question serves like shaking

a bottle of soda. Distant talking points
foam over. These, too, at bottom, never
worked and never will. But the essence

of politics is pretending
they will and always have.
The experts later parsing

can’t bring themselves to say it’s
all of it a base and joyless farce,

turning mountebank
in lending it credence.